PLANNING COMMISISON SITE PLAN - WAIVER ONLY



CASE NUMBER:

SP-2015-0294C

PLANNING COMMISSION

HEARING DATE: September 22, 2015

PROJECT NAME:

San Marcos Hotel

ADDRESS:

924 E. 7th Street

APPLICANT:

Bruner Interests LLC (Scott Bruner)

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AGENT:

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COUNCIL DISTRICT:

3 - Sabino Renteria

NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN:

East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Plan

Plaza Saltillo TOD (Transit Oriented Development)

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The applicant is proposing to construct a three story, 22,938 square foot hotel, which includes a 6,643 square foot restaurant (general), parking, sidewalk and street tree improvements, drainage facilities, water quality controls and utilities on .811 acres.

DESCRIPTION OF WAIVERS:

- A permanently placed refuse receptacle including a dumpster, may not be located 20 feet or less from property from an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district or on which a use permitted in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district is located.
 [LDC Section 25-2-1067(C)]
- 2) Unless a parking area or driveway is on a site that is less than 125 feet wide, a parking area or driveway may not be constructed 25 feet or less from a lot that is in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning or on which a use permitted in an SF-5 or more restrictive zoning district is located. [LDC Section 25-2-1067(G)]

SUMMARY STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The applicant plans to construct a hotel within the Plaza Saltillo TOD. The TOD calls for dense and compact development. The developer is providing onsite underground detention, on site water quality controls, and required parking on this small site of .811 acres. Given the development is meeting the requirements of the TOD, which include a minimum height requirement of 2 stories, providing street trees and clear zone, which keep the street frontage pedestrian friendly, and utilizing alley access for parking. In addition a 6 foot privacy fence will be constructed along the adjoining property line on the west.

Compatibility standards require a dumpster to be setback from property used or zoned as single family 20 feet. [LDC Section 25-2-1067(C)] The dumpster enclosure will be located 7.5 feet from the west property line. The enclosure will be 6 feet in height, which is an additional screening to the single family property.

All driveways and parking must be setback 25 feet from property used or zoned as SF-5 or more restrictive. [LDC Section 25-2-1067(G)] A portion of the rear driveway, parking and loading zone are within the compatibility setback to the north, encroaching into the setback 7 feet. This is a unique situation, as there's a 20 foot alley between the development and the triggering SF-3-H property. The SF-3 property is the historic French Legation; however the actual French Legation building is approximately 100 feet from the property line.

Due to the constraints and requirements of the site, staff recommends approval of both waivers.

The site plan will comply with all other compatibility standards.

On March 24, 2015, both waivers were approved on consent by the Planning Commission. However, the site plan (SP-2014-0117C) which they were approved with, expired. The waivers are tied to an active application, and do not transfer to new site plan applications, therefore approval of the waivers must be obtained again. The entire project remains the same with the exception of the case number.

COMPATIBILITY

The subject site is bordered by an existing single family residence to the west. A 6 foot privacy fence will be erected along the property line. The property to the north is zoned SF-3-H-NP, however a civic use, which is the historic French Legation. A 20 foot alley separates the development from the French Legation. Additional screening will not be provided, however the parking is planned for head in, facing the proposed building.

The site will comply with all other compatibility standard requirements in regards to height, setback and screening.

SUMMARY COMMENTS ON SITE PLAN:

The proposed site is currently vacant. The site will be developed in to a hotel development with a restaurant and coffee shop. The development is designed to enhance the building frontage along East 7th and San Marcos Street to encourage pedestrian activity as outlined in the Plaza Saltillo TOD regulating plan.

The site plan will comply with all code requirements prior to its approval and release.

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION</u>: March 24, 2015 – Waivers Approved by consent 8-0, under site plan case number SP-2014-0117C.

PROJECT INFORMATION

TOTAL SITE AREA	38,030 sq. ft.	.811 acres		
EXISTING ZONING	TOD-NP			
WATERSHED	Waller Creek (Urban)			
WATERSHED ORDINANCE	Comprehensive Watershed Ordinance			
TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS	Not required			
CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR	None			
PROPOSED ACCESS	San Marcos Street			
	Allowed/Required	Existing	Proposed	
FLOOR-AREA RATIO	2:1	0	.8118:1/ 22,938 sf	
BUILDING COVERAGE	95%	0	18,258 sf/ 65.1%	
IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE	95%		21,975 sf/ 78.4%	
PARKING	30	0	32	

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES

ZONING		LAND USES		
Site	TOD-NP	Vacant		
North	SF-3-H-NP	French Legation museum/office		
South	TOD- NP	Vending company/ office		
East	TOD-NP	Office		
West	TOD-NP	Single family residence		

ABUTTING STREETS

Street	Right-of-Way Width	Pavement Width	Classification
E. 7 th St.	Varies	60 feet	Arterial
San Marcos St.	Varies	27 feet	Local

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGNIZATIONS:

- 511—Austin Neighborhoods Council
- 742—Austin Independent School District
- 786—Home Builders Association of Greater Austin
- 1037—Homeless Neighborhood Association
- 1075—League of Bicycling Voters
- 1200—Super Duper Neighborhood Objectors and Appealers Organization
- 1224—Austin Monorail Project
- 1236 The Real Estate Council of Austin, Inc
- 1113 Austin Park Foundation
- 1265 Central East Austin Neighborhood
- 1344 African American Cultural Heritage Business District
- 30 Guadalupe Neighborhood Development Corporation
- 1199 United East Coalition
- 477 El Concilio Mexican American Neighborhood
- 1447 Friends of Emma Barrientos MACC

1444 - East Austin Conservancy

1393 - Waller Creek Conservancy

1258 - Del Valle Community Coalition

452 - Guadalupe Association for an Improved Neighborhood

1399 - A.N.T. Artist and Neighbors Together

966 - Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods



SITE PLAN PERMIT SF-3-NCCD-NP CSMU-NCCU-NP SF-3-H-NP SF-3-H-NP TOD-NP TOD-NP TOD-NA TOD-NP

Legend

Site Plan Case

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Zoning

- Street Address Centerline

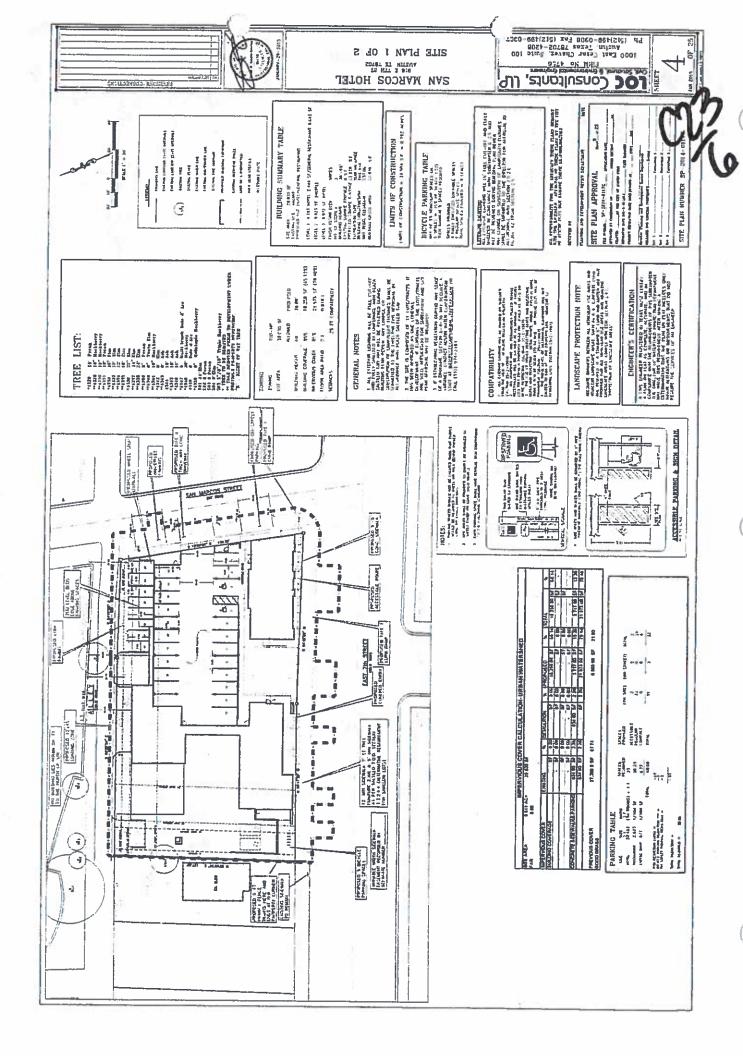
SAN MARCOS HOTEL CASE NO.: SP-2014-0117C ADDRESS: 924 E, 7TH ST. CASE MANAGER: NIKKI HOELTER

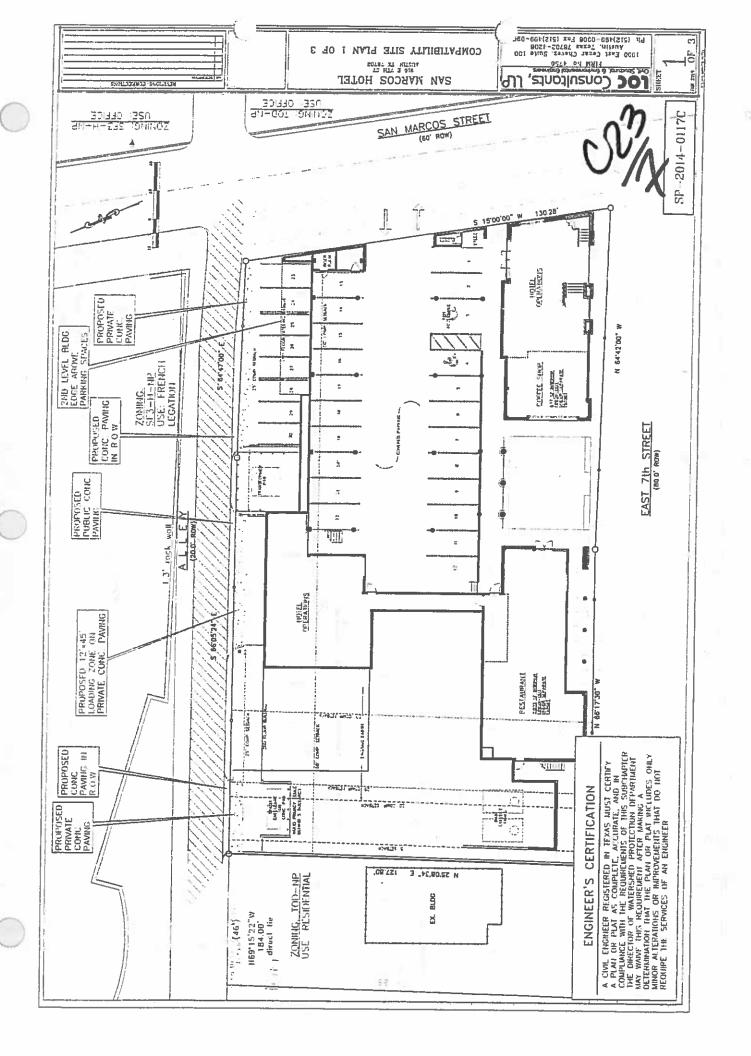
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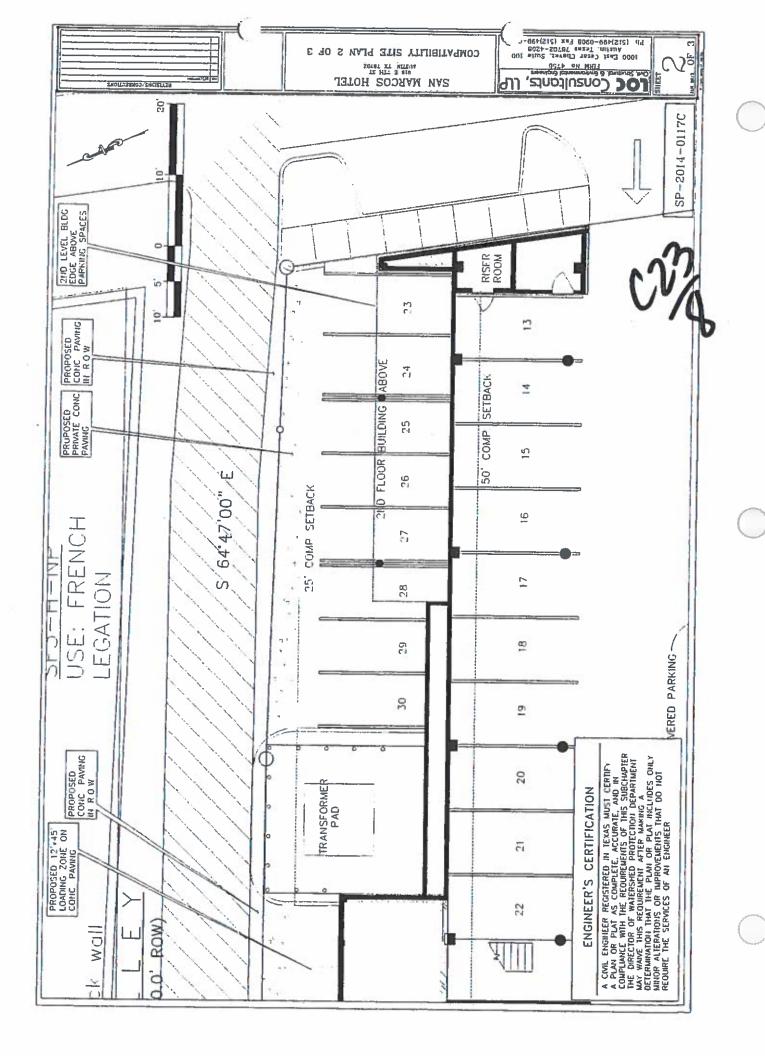
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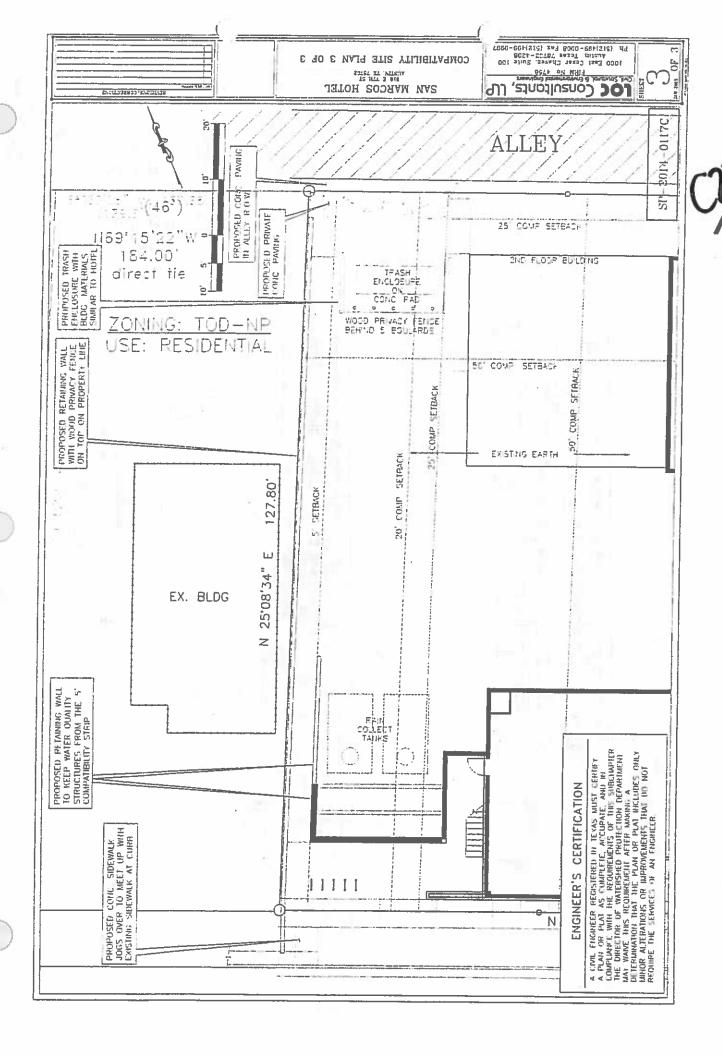


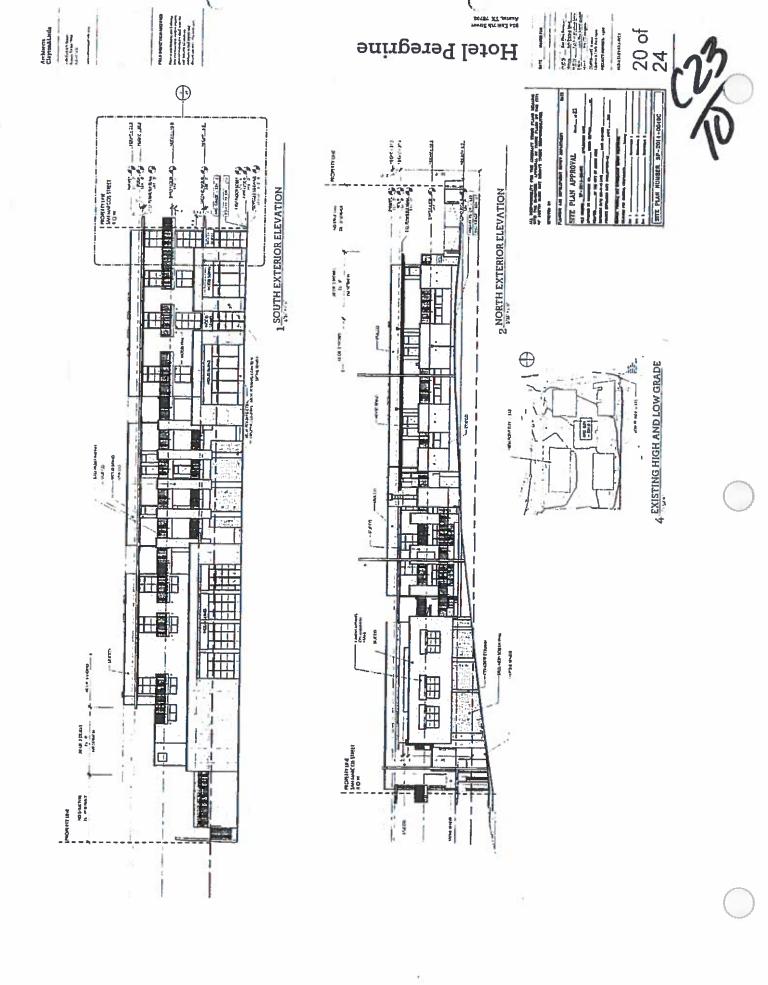
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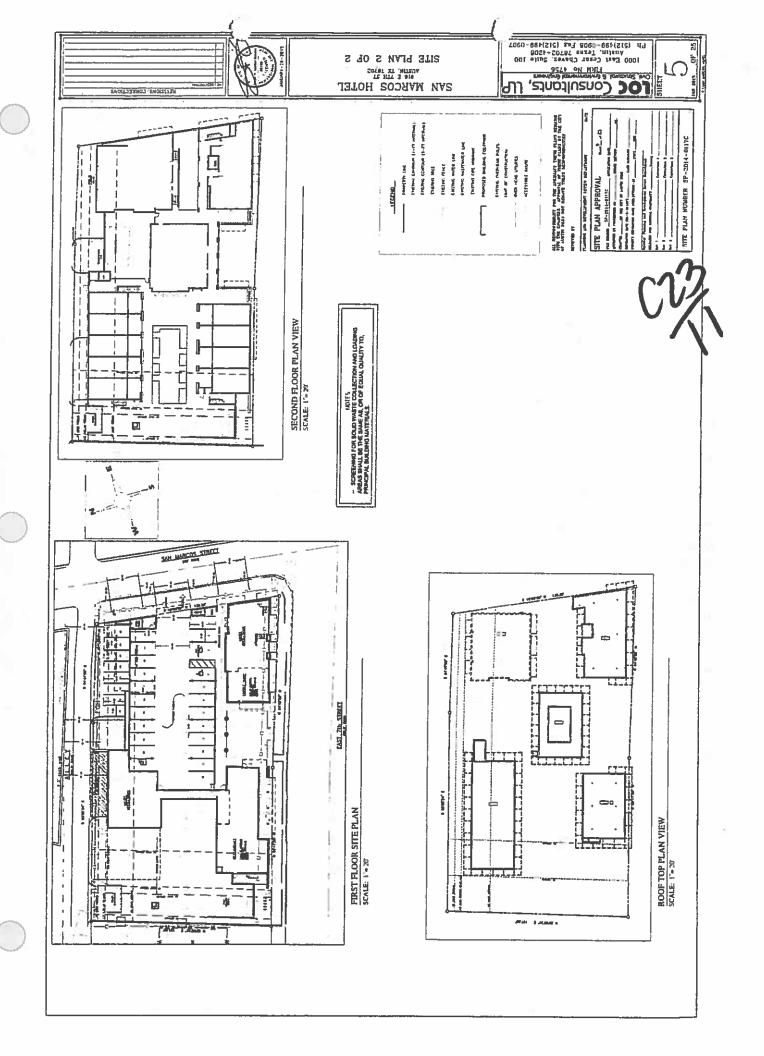














Structural, & Environmental Engineers
 To 54756



January 15, 2015

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Re:

Request for Compatibility Waiver

LDC Sec. 25-2-1067(C) LDC Sec. 25-2-1067(G)

"San Marcos Hotel" site plan (SP-2014-0117C)

924 E. 7 St.

Mr. Guernsey:

In conformance with the provisions of the City of Austin Land Development Code Sec. 25-2-1081, we are respectfully requesting a waiver from LDC Sec. 25-2-1067 (C) and LDC Sec. 25-2-1067 (G) for the project called 'San Marcos Hotel', currently under review (Permit No. SP-2014-0117C).

The proposed hotel project is located at 924 E. 7th St. in east Austin close to downtown, within the Saltillo TOD district. As required by the district regulations, the project is a proposed mixed use development with the hotel on the upper floors and restaurants and related pedestrian uses occupying the street level along E. 7th St. and San Marcos St. The site includes significant topography and is located adjacent to an existing alley to the north. The project requires access to the alley for parking, loading, and the trash enclosure.

The site is bounded on both the west and north sides by properties that trigger compatibility standards as outlined in Article 10 of LDC Section 2. The property to the west is within the Saltillo TOD, but is occupied as a single family residence. The property to the north is outside the Saltillo TOD and is occupied by the French Legation, and is zoned SF-3-H-NP.

The specific compatibility waiver requests are as follows. We have included both civil and architectural exhibits to clarify the requests.

LDC Sec. 25-2-1067 (C) refers to the location of a trash enclosure within a 20' compatibility setback. As shown on the civil exhibit, the trash enclosure is located within the 20' setback from the western property line. Due to the requirement to keep the street frontages pedestrian friendly, the nature of the topography, building massing, drainage, and similar factors, the northwest corner of the site is the most appropriate place for the trash enclosure. The enclosure is 20' wide and 6' tall; 14' of the enclosure is located within the 20' setback area. Note that the proposed enclosure falls outside the compatibility setback from the north, only from the west setback.

LDC Sec. 25-2-1067 (G) refers to installing a parking area or driveway within a 25' compatibility setback. As shown on the civil exhibit, there is a unique condition along the north of the property adjacent to the alley. The (public) alley as currently constructed is entirely within the compatibility setback area. We are proposing to provide covered parking along the northeast corner of the tract; about 6' of the pavement connecting the parking with the alley falls slightly within the 25' compatibility setback. Further west along the alley we are proposing the loading zone; about 7' of this is within the 25' compatibility setback. West from there is the trash enclosure; the drive aisle to access the enclosure falls within the 25' compatibility setbacks from both the west and the north sides. Our just fication for allowing these pavement improvements within the north 25' compatibility setback includes:

- The alley is already encroaching into the setback area and our improvements will not significantly add to the paved area.
- * The entire north property area of our site could not access the alley without these small encroachments into the 25' compatibility setback
- The property to the north, though zoned SF-3-H-NP, is a large lot occupied by the French Legation historic building, and the building is located centrally and is over 100' from the property line. The existing building will not be impacted by the setback encroachment.

Note that we have also shown an architectural site plan showing the compatibility setbacks in section view, and can show that the proposed buildings are in compliance with all vertical compatibility setbacks.

Thank you for your consideration of this request; we hope you and your staff will support our request to the Planning Commission. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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